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FOR: UNDER SECRETARY COOPER

E.O. LL652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, UK  
SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: SUGGESTED PRESS  
GUIDANCE

REF: COOPER-BOYD 17 JUN TELECON.

1. AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED RESPONSE FOR  
SEC VANCE SHOULD HE BE ASKED IN INTERVIEW THIS  
PM ABOUT CURRENT CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS:

"OUR CIVIL AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE  
UNITED KINGDOM ARE AT A CRITICAL  
STAGE. THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM ARE OLD  
ALLIES WHO HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN MANY FIELDS. EARLY  
IN THE POST WORLD WAR II PERIOD (FEBRUARY 1946 IN  
BERMUDA) WE JOINTLY FATHERED AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT  
THAT HAS SPURRED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXTENSIVE  
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM WE KNOW TODAY.

"NOW WE ARE NEGOTIATING ADJUSTMENTS AT T  
THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. WE HAVE EVERY HOPE  
OF BEING ABLE TO REACH A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT.

"EACH SIDE HAS SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS ON MAJOR  
ELEMENTS IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH GOVERNS A MARKET  
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GENERATING NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUES. AS ONE  
MIGHT IMAGINE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, BECAUSE OF  
WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT.

"WE HAVE WORKED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES IN PART--  
AND ARE HOPEFUL OF COMPLETE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE  
CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT TUESDAY."

2. SHOULD FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONING SEEK DETAILS ON ISSUES, OR CESSATION PLANNING, SEC VANCE MIGHT RESPOND SIMPLY THAT: "TO AVOID POSSIBLE APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST, I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OR OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES."

3. USDEL SUGGESTS "NO COMMENT" IF PRESSED ON CESSATIONCONTINGENCY, SAYING ONLY TALKS ARE AT CRITICAL STAGE, NOT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENT.

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